

I am a 48 year old college admissions officer. I am a first generation American whose father immigrated from Greece in 1919. I am taking the liberty of writing to you regarding Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. This is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

My father brought me up to believe that the airwaves belong to the public. We allow broadcasters to make a profit off of our airwaves. In return they are supposed to act in the public interest. That means providing real news coverage, not forcing non-stop political opinion (like Fox News and MSNBC) down our throats. It also means not using their access to the airwaves to distribute propaganda. Sinclair's decision to air "Stolen Honor" was political, not a news decision. The fact that they do not plan to run counter programming, like "Going Upriver", proves it.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. A few people and corporations should not be allowed to control so many stations and licenses. Thank you.